



Microstegium vimineum

Japanese stilt grass

General

1. Annual graminoid growing to 1m

Geography and Habitat

1. Native: Asia
2. Habitat:
 - Agricultural areas, natural forests, riparian zones, ruderal/disturbed areas, urban areas, water courses, wetlands
 - Riparian zones, river bluffs, emergent and forested wetlands, moist woodlands, early successional fields, uplands, thickets, roadside ditches, gas and power line corridors and home lawns and gardens
 - Readily invades shaded areas like floodplains that are prone to natural scouring
 - Associated with moist, acidic to neutral soils that are high in nitrogen
 - Occurs opportunistically in otherwise unoccupied soils
 - Additionally occurs on upper forested slopes, particularly under disturbed canopy



Photo: *Microstegium vimineum* foliage (Photo: Chuck Barger, The University of Georgia, www.forestryimages.org)
<http://www.issg.org/database/image.asp?ii=803&ic=e>

Invasion Pathways

1. Hitchhiking seeds on animals crossing between native range and new territory
2. Intentional introduction for cultivation

Sources

1. <http://www.issg.org/database/species/ecology.asp?si=686&fr=1&sts=sss&lang=EN>
2. <http://plants.usda.gov/java/profile?symbol=MIVI>